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Fato Novo - New PCB-Sponsored Nationalist Weekly

Inclosed are copies of No. 8 of the new weekly publication Fato Novo, promoted by the PCB EO50x1 and under initially strong but now apparently weakening Communist influence. The publication is being printed at Correio de Mania, and has a run of 12-15,000 copies, of which most are distributed in São Paulo. There has been no advertising. Financial support is reported to have come initially from the PCB but the periodical is now reported to have achieved financial self-sufficiency, through sales.

The line is strongly nationalistic and anti-US. The publication professes -- and for the most part its content displays -- a "green-yellow" (true Brazilian) nationalism, not a Communist-oriented "internation" nationalism (i.e., "green" or Brazilian on the surface and "red" or Communist underneath). An example of an independent nationalist position is an article in one issue denouncing the Soviet Union as well as the United States for opposition to the Brazilian decree proclaiming a 200-mile territorial sea.

EO50x1 a special target of the publication is the nationalist sector of the military and this is borne out by the content and slant of several items that have appeared in the publication. (In the current, enclosed issue, there is emphasis on the desirability of the military's maintaining power in Brazil and of a "Peruvian" solution -- see p. 9, column 3 and page 10, columns 1-2.) In the same connection, it is perhaps significant that, although on the eve of the publication's first issue military censors said that they would not permit it to circulate, there was no reaction from the authorities when the editors

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published and distributed it anyway. Apparently Fato Novo counts on and has received protection from nationalist military sectors, as has been the case also with Helio Fernandes, ultra-nationalist columnist of Tribuna da Imprensa.

Of the names appearing on Fato Novo's masthead, Paulo Duarte is a São Paulo radio actor who in early 1960s was a member of the nationalistic and Communist-infiltrated Superior Institute of Brazilian Studies; Alipio Correa Neto is a prominent surgeon and educator and once a leader in São Paulo of the Brazilian Socialist Party; Sergio Marques de Hollanda is a well known São Paulo intellectual of whose past political orientation the Embassy has no record; and Enrico Amado, is a rightist-nationalist with links to Carlos Lacerda. Amado also is a contributor to anti-US nationalistic Tribuna da Imprensa, wherein he has identified himself as a "medium scale textile manufacturer".

Enclosure:

3 copies of Fato Novo No. 3

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